

4522. Misbranding of "Greene's Warranted Syrup of Tar." U. S. * * *
 v. Lester H. Greene Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50.
 (F. & D. No. 6696. I. S. No. 8900-e.)

On January 29, 1916, the United States attorney for the District of Vermont, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Lester H. Greene Co., a corporation, Montpelier, Vt., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about March 24, 1913, from the State of Vermont into the State of New York, of a quantity of "Greene's Warranted Syrup of Tar," which was misbranded. The article was labeled: (On carton) "Guaranteed by The Lester H. Greene Co., under the Food and Drugs Act, June 30, 1906. No. 8622. Greene's warranted Syrup of Tar Trade (G in triangle) Mark. Contains 3% of Alcohol. Prepared by The Lester H. Greene Co. Montpelier Vt. and Montreal, Can. Proprietors. Each Fluid Ounce Also Contains Heroin 1-4 Gr. Chloroform, 3 Min. Compounded in proportions and by processes known only to the Proprietors. A Rapid and Certain Remedy for all Throat and Lung Affections, Coughs, Colds and Bronchitis Asthmatic and Catarrhal Coughs Relieves Croup and Whooping Cough in Ten Minutes. Breaks up La Grippe and prevents pneumonia. Our Guarantee. The Retailer is hereby authorized to refund the purchase price on one bottle of any size of Greene's Syrup of Tar, if unsatisfactory to the customer. Price, 25c., 50c. and \$1.00. Style of Package adopted Oct. 1, 1907." (Top) "A Warranted Remedy." (Side and back) Testimonials. (Side) "Warranted to give Satisfaction or no Pay Read the Testimonials Directions Inside." (On bottle) "No. 8622 Guaranteed under the Food and Drugs Act, June 30, 1906. Greene's warranted Syrup of Tar. Contains 3% of Alcohol Prepared by The Lester H. Greene Co. Montpelier Vt., and Montreal, Can. Proprietors Each Fluid Ounce Also Contains Heroin 1-4 Gr. Chloroform 3 Min. Compounded in proportions and by processes known only to the Proprietors. A rapid and certain remedy for all Throat and Lung Affections Coughs, Colds and Bronchitis, Asthmatic and Catarrhal Coughs Relieves Croup and Whooping Cough in Ten Minutes. Breaks up La Grippe and Prevents Pneumonia." (Side) "Directions For Use. Shake the bottle before using. Dose for an adult, one teaspoonful every one and a half hours until relieved, then four or five times a day, as necessary. For children 10 to 15 years, one-half teaspoonful; five to ten years, one quarter teaspoonful as above. To receive the best results from the use of this remedy, follow the directions carefully. Don't take a dose from the bottle, but measure it in a teaspoon. Don't take it every 15 minutes, but as often as directions say. Don't expect a cure if you only take it twice a day. Do follow directions and you will get a speedy relief. A Cold is the forerunner of a Cough, and if neglected often ends in pneumonia or consumption. The wetting of the feet, exposure in bad weather, a sudden chill, a quick change in the weather and at times a mere nothing brings on a cold. The first symptoms are sneezing, difficulty in breathing through the nose, and repeated chills; failing to treat these as you should, the cold increases its hold, water begins to run from the eyes and nose, the bronchial tubes become inflamed and hoarseness follows; nor does it stop here, it follows down the bronchial tubes, causing congestion as it goes, until it reaches the lungs; now unless immediate action is taken it soon establishes itself permanently and the patient dies of pneumonia, or that long lingering disease consumption. Beware of these symptoms and cure the cold in its first stages. Greene's Syrup of Tar will do it. Treatment. In mild cases soak the feet in warm water, keep warm and use Greene's Syrup of Tar. If more serious, place the patient in bed, apply mus-

tard paste to the lungs, and bottles filled with hot water to the feet, using Greene's Syrup of Tar in the meantime. Persons suffering from a cold must keep the bowels loose; for this purpose use Greene's Little Liver Pellets." The circular or pamphlet accompanying the article contained, among other things, the following: "Greene's Warranted Syrup of Tar. A remedy for Coughs, Colds, Croup, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Affections."

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

Alcohol (per cent by volume)-----	3.2
Solids, chiefly sugar (grams per 100 cc)-----	78.47
Chloroform (minims per fluid ounce)-----	1.93
Heroin (grain per fluid ounce)-----	0.195
Tar-----	Present.
Potassium salts-----	Present.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that the following statements regarding the therapeutic or curative effects thereof, appearing on the label aforesaid, to wit: (On bottle) "Greene's Warranted Syrup of Tar * * * a rapid and certain remedy for all throat and lung affections * * *." (On carton) "Greene's Syrup of Tar * * * breaks up la grippe and prevents pneumonia * * *," and included in the circular or pamphlet aforesaid, to wit: "Greene's Warranted Syrup of Tar. A remedy for * * * croup, and all throat and lung affections," were false and fraudulent in that the same were applied to the article knowingly, and in reckless and wanton disregard of their truth or falsity, so as to represent falsely and fraudulently to the purchasers thereof, and create in the minds of purchasers thereof the impression and belief, that it was, in whole or in part, composed of, or contained, ingredients or medicinal agents effective, among other things, as a remedy for all throat and lung affections, in breaking up la grippe, as a preventive of pneumonia, and as a remedy for croup, when, in truth and in fact, it was not, in whole or in part, composed of, and did not contain, such ingredients or medicinal agents.

On March 1, 1916, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$50.

CARL VBROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*